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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 6-8 and 22 as indicated.

1. (Original) A system for downloading at least one multimedia content file to a plurality of user computers via a communication network, the system comprising:

a processor coupled to the communication network, the processor being configured to process a plurality of purchase requests from a plurality of user computers from the network, each purchase request comprising a request to download at least one multimedia content file to a user computer at a user-selected time with a user-selected price;

a storage device coupled to the processor, the storage device being configured to store at least one multimedia content file; and

at least one timer coupled to the processor, wherein the processor is configured to use the timer to download at least one multimedia content file to a user computer at a user-selected time in response to a purchase request from the user computer.

2. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein each content file is over 100 Megabytes in size.

3. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein at least one multimedia content file comprises a motion picture.

4. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein at least one multimedia content file comprises a musical compilation.

5. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein at least one multimedia content file comprises a game.

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6. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the system is configured to provide access to a user computer of a list from the processor, the list comprising:

a plurality of titles of multimedia content files stored in the storage device; and
at least a first user-selectable time and a second user-selectable time for downloading a multimedia content file from the storage device to a user computer, the first user-selectable time corresponding to a peak time when network bandwidth usage is ~~most likely~~ high, the second user-selectable time corresponding to a non-peak time when network bandwidth usage is ~~most likely~~ low, the first user-selectable time being associated with a first user-selectable price, and the second user-selectable time being associated with a second user-selectable price, wherein the first user-selectable price is greater than the second user-selectable price.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 6, wherein the first user-selected time is between ~~about~~ 8:00 AM and ~~about~~ 9:00PM.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 6, wherein the first user-selected time is between ~~about~~ 1:00 AM and ~~about~~ 7:00AM.

9. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the processor is further configured to send offers periodically to a plurality of user computers, each offer comprising a title of at least one multimedia content file stored in the storage device and a plurality of user-selectable times for downloading the content file, each user-selected time being associated with a different price.

10. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the processor is further configured to send offers to a plurality of user computers, each offer comprising a title of at least one multimedia content file stored in the storage device and a plurality of user-selectable times for downloading the content file, each user-selected time being associated with a different price.

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11. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein at least one user computer comprises a wireless modem configured to communicate wirelessly with a mobile switching office, the mobile switching office being configured to communicate with the processor.

12. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises at least one wireless communication portion.

13. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to monitor a level of bandwidth usage of the network and adjust a scheduled download time to a time when bandwidth usage is below a pre-determined level.

14. (Original) A system for downloading at least one multimedia content file to a plurality of user computers via a communication network, the system comprising:

a processor coupled to the communication network, the processor being configured to process a plurality of purchase requests from a plurality of user computers from the network, each purchase request comprising a request to download at least one multimedia content file to a user computer at a user-selected time;

a storage device coupled to the processor, the storage device being configured to store at least one multimedia content file; and

at least one timer coupled to the processor, wherein the processor is configured to use the timer to download at least one multimedia content file to a user computer at a user-selected time in response to a purchase request from the user computer.

15. (Original) The system of Claim 14, wherein at least one multimedia content file comprises a motion picture.

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16. (Original) The system of Claim 14, wherein at least one multimedia content file comprises a musical compilation.

17. (Original) The system of Claim 14, wherein at least one multimedia content file comprises a game.

18. (Original) The system of Claim 14, wherein each content file is over 100 Megabytes in size.

19. (Original) A method of downloading at least one multimedia content file to a plurality of user computers via a communication network, the method comprising:

receiving a purchase request from a user computer via the network, the purchase request comprising a request to download at least one multimedia content file stored in a storage device to the user computer at a user-selected time with a user-selected price; and

downloading the requested multimedia content file to a user computer at the user-selected time in response to the purchase request from the user computer.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 19, further comprising charging the purchase price to a financial account associated with the user.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 19, further comprising determining whether a user is authorized to purchase a content file.

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22. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 19, further comprising providing a list to the user computer, the list comprising:

a plurality of titles of multimedia content files stored in the storage device; and

at least a first user-selectable time and a second user-selectable time for downloading a multimedia content file from the storage device to a user computer, the first user-selectable time corresponding to a peak time when network bandwidth usage is ~~most likely~~ high, the second user-selectable time corresponding to a non-peak time when network bandwidth usage is ~~most likely~~ low, the first user-selectable time being associated with a first user-selectable price, and the second user-selectable time being associated with a second user-selectable price, wherein the first user-selectable price is greater than the second user-selectable price.

23. (Original) A system for downloading at least one multimedia content file to a plurality of user computers via a communication network, the system comprising:

a processing means coupled to the communication network, the processing means being configured to process a plurality of purchase requests from a plurality of user computers from the network, each purchase request comprising a request to download at least one multimedia content file to a user computer at a user-selected time;

a storing means coupled to the processing means, the storing means being configured to store at least one multimedia content file; and

at least one timing means coupled to the processing means, wherein the processing means is configured to use the timing means to download at least one multimedia content file to a user computer at a user-selected time in response to a purchase request from the user computer.

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24. (Original) A method of downloading at least one multimedia content file to a plurality of user computers via a communication network, the method comprising:

receiving a purchase request from a user computer via the network, the purchase request comprising a request to download at least one multimedia content file stored in storing means to the user computer at a user-selected time with a user-selected price; and

downloading the requested multimedia content file to a user computer at the user-selected time in response to the purchase request from the user computer.